Flyovers

3933. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of flyovers constructed in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years alongwith the number of flyovers proposed to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : 6 Flyovers have been completed in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years. 8 Flyovers are proposed to be constructed under the Railway Safety Fund Scheme.

[Translation]

Petrol Pumps

3934. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE :

SHRI SAYTAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Petrol Pumps all over the country remained closed on November1, 1996;

(b) if so, the loss of excise duty to the Government due to the closure of the Petrol Pumps;

(c) whether to recover the losses, the Government proposes to revise the prices of Petroleum Products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir. However, petrol pumps all over Maharashtra remained closed on November 1, 1996 to protest against the State Government's decision regarding value added tax and composition scheme applicable to petrol pumps.

(b) to (d). There was no loss of excise duty to the Government due to the closure of petrol pumps in Maharashtra as the petrol pumps receive only excise duty paid products.

[Translation]

Bottling Plant

3935. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have acquired 70 acres of land near Bokaro Steel Plant for setting up of LPG bottling plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide join to family members whose land were acquired;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The land admeasuring 70 acres has been taken or 30 years lease from Bokaro Industrial Area Development Authority, a Government of Bihar undertaking, in November, 1995.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Not applicable in view of (c) above.

(e) In the offer of Bokaro Industrial Area Development Authority, there is no mention of liability of land losers.

[English]

Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums

3936. SHRI DINSHA PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of location of projects under execution in the country under Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums with external assistance;

(b) the total number of location of such projects which have been finalised but the actual work is yet to be commence;

(c) whether it is a fact that not even a single such project has been sanctioned for Gujarat;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the criteria for the selection of projects; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure more rational distribution of external aid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (e). There are no projects under execution in the country with external assistance under the scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums.

[Translation]

Supply of Power in Taj Area

3937. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the only transmission project in Taj Protected area has been envisaged in the scheme presented with affidavit in Supreme Court by the Ministry of Power as well as Uttar Pradesh in public interest petition of M.C. Mehta versus Government of India for stopping the use of generators in Taj protected area in

order to save Taj from environmental pollution and for non-stop power supply;

(b) if so, whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government as to how the pollution will be checked by not providing regular power supply to the non-power supply area in the rural and urban areas under the Taj protected area where the power is generated through diesel engines and generators sets for irrigation, cottage and other purposes;

(b) whether this fact has also been brought to the notice of Supreme Court that uninterrupted power supply would not be provided in the entire area falling within the Taj protected area but will be provided on those areas where power distribution system is already there;

(d) if so, the details thereof and when the Supreme Court was informed in this regard; and

(e) the details regarding the affidavit filed in the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. Not only transmission but distribution works as well in Taj Protection Area have been envisaged in the scheme presented with the affidavit in Supreme Court by U.P. State Electricity Board. A sum of Rs. 90 crores has also been allocated to the State Government for implementation of the transmission and distribution works in Taj Trapezium. At present, U.P. have also been allocated 10% out of unallocated (15%) of central sector generation Northern region.

(c) to (e). In the affidavit filed by UPSEB on 29.10.1996 in the Supreme Court of India, it has been stated that Planning Commission has agreed to allocate Rs. 90 crores for power sector transmission and distribution in order to implement the order of the Supreme Court for the protection of Taj Trapezium. The Court has also been informed that Agra and Ferozabad District have been exempted from emergency load shedding.

N.E.D.A.

3938. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether after setting up of the Alternative Energy Development Institute (NEDA) as a nodal agency in accordance with the National Policy in Uttar Pradesh, alternative energy has not become popular;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total amount allotted and subsidy provided so far for a alternative energy; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make this energy more popular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). The Non-Conventional Energy Development Agency (NEDA), U.P. has been implementing various programmes and schemes to popularise the use of Non-Conventional Energy devices and systems. As a result of NEDA's efforts, non-conventional energy programmes have been extended to all the 68 districts of Uttar Pradesh. The programme-wise physical achievement of NEDA (U.P.) are given in Statement. Considerable awareness has been created for such systems and devices and the demand for them is continuously increasing.

(c) An amount of Rs. 107.00 crores has been provided through NEDA so far out of which the subsidy provision has been Rs. 91.70 crores.

(d) Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has initiated a number of steps to popularise the use of Non-conventional energy throughout the country including in the State of Uttar Pradesh. These include provision of fiscal incentives such as 100% depreciation in the first year of installation of the project, exemption from excise duty and sales tax and concessional customs duty on the import of materials, components and equipments used in the Non-conventional Energy projects. In addition, the Government provides financial incentives such as interest-subsidy and capital subsidy from the Ministry and soft loans from the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA). The Ministry also provides financial support for opening show-rooms for the sale of non-conventional energy products and devices and for regular publicity through exhibitions, electronic and print media in the country including in Uttar Pradesh.

STATEMENT

Programme-wise physical achievements of Non-Conventional Energy Programmes in Uttar Pradesh

S.No.	Name of System	Unit	Physical Achievement
1	2	3	4
1.	Solar Water Heater	Lit./Day	18,91,200
2.	Solar Cooker	Nos.	38.052
3.	Domestic Light	Nos.	37,250
4.	Solar Lantern	Nos.	33,897
5.	Power Plant/Power Pack	Nos./KW	87/451
6.	Solar P.V. Pump	Nos.	14
7.	Solar Charging Station	Nos.	28
8.	Solar T.V.	Nos.	120
9.	Solar Still	Nos.	240
10.	Wind Pump	Nos.	471
11.	Wind Battery Charger	Nos.	235